(*b*) what are the books accepted for more than one school year and the reasons therefor ;

(*c*) whether the repeated acceptance of the same text books year after year affects the interests of the authors and publishers of new books ;

(*d*) whether they have given any direction about the rate of price fixed by the authors and publishers of school books ;

(*e*) whether the price fixed by certain authors and publishers is exorbitant ;

(*f*) whether there are printing mistakes and want of clearness in some of the school books printed in the Government Press ; and

(*g*) whether they have made any arrangement to avoid such defects in future ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) and (*b*) For the books prescribed during the school year commencing Edavom 1115 (1940-41) the member is referred to pages 268 to 300 of the Education Sheet of the Travancore Government Gazette dated 23-4-1940. The same text books as were prescribed for the year 1940-41 were prescribed for the years 1941-42 and 1942-43 also. The reason for taking this step is the economic distress prevailing in the State and the great scarcity of paper.

(*c*) Yes, to some extent.

(*d*) Prices were revised and fixed when the books were prescribed.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes, in a few instances.

(*g*) Yes.

Shifting of the Munsiff's Court at Perumbavoor to the M. M. School building.

69. ✻ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they contemplate shifting the Munsiff's Court to the M. M. School building near the Perumbavoor public offices ?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*) : The matter is under consideration.

Reconstruction of a bund in the Pitcheli Canal.

70. ✻**MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding the reconstruction of a bund in the Pitcheli Canal in Parakadavu pakuthi, Parur taluk ; and

(*b*) if so, the steps they have taken in the matter ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The necessary investigation has been conducted and a detailed estimate for the work is under preparation.

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